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## Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

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**From:** Paula Maccabee [mailto:pmaccabee@justchangelaw.com]  
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Dear EPA Region 5 Water Division Managers and Staff:

WaterLegacy learned from reporters that, in March 2015, when Governor Mark Dayton was interviewed on Minnesota Public Radio regarding Minnesota's wild rice sulfate standard, an additional audiotape was made that was not aired.

A transcript of this interview, "Dayton's full comments on wild rice and U.S. Steel," along with an affidavit attesting to the accuracy of the transcript is enclosed with this email.

WaterLegacy is particularly concerned about this statement made by Governor Dayton with reference to application of Minnesota's wild rice sulfate standard, "But U.S. Steel has made it very clear they're not going to — and they closed down the Keewatin plant, they're still operating the Minntac plant — but they made it very clear they're not going to agree to a permit that has the standard of 10 [10 milligrams per liter]."

This statement seems to have implications for both Minnesota's NPDES permitting process and for Minnesota's rulemaking related to the wild rice sulfate standard.

Sincerely yours,

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